

TESTIMONY OF
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Energy and Technology Committee
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RE: Proposed H.B. No. 5019, AN ACT PROHIBITING EXPENDITURES RESULTING FROM STORM MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT OR REPAIR FROM BEING FACTORED INTO ELECTRICITY OR GAS RATES

As you are aware, utility rates are reviewed and approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (“Authority”) through an adjudicatory process in which evidence is presented by all parties, including the utilities and the consumer advocates. The Authority determines the overall revenues that must be collected from customers to provide service. By law, regulated utilities have the right to collect their prudently incurred costs, and earn a fair return on their investment. Any proposal that infringes on the utility’s right to recover its prudently incurred costs violates the regulatory compact between the utility and the regulator and could be considered to be unconstitutional. Therefore, Eversource cannot support any legislation which prohibits recovery of prudently incurred costs.